

IN THE CLAIMS

1-27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of an aqueous suspension of PBBMA pentabromobenzyl acrylate ("PBBMA-7"), comprising the steps of:

preparing a suspension of PBBMA by grinding said PBBMA to a desired particle size, in water containing wetting agents;

preparing a suspension of a fire-retardant compound by grinding said fire-retardant compound to a desired particle size, in water containing wetting agents;

adding said suspension of said fire-retardant compound to a slowly mixed suspension of PBBMA;

mixing said suspension of said fire-retardant compound and said slowly mixed suspension of PBBMA until a homogenous, mixed suspension is obtained.

29. (previously presented) A process according to claim 28, further comprising adding a preserving agent to said suspension of PBBMA.

30. (currently amended) A process according to claim 28, further comprising ~~the preparation of a suspension of an anti-foaming or defoaming compound by grinding said anti-foaming or defoaming compound to the desired particle size, in water containing wetting agents, and then mixing said aqueous suspension of PBBMA with said suspension of said anti-foaming or defoaming compound~~agents.

31. (currently amended) A process according to claim 30, wherein ~~said suspension of said anti-foaming or defoaming compound~~is agents are added to a slowly mixed suspension of PBBMA, and mixing until a homogeneous, mixed suspension is obtained.

32. (new) A process according to claim 30, wherein said anti-foaming or defoaming agents are selected from the group consisting of emulsions of mineral oils, emulsions of natural oils, and emulsions of silicon oils.

33. (new) A process according to claim 32, wherein said anti-foaming or defoaming agents are an emulsion of silicon oils.

34. (new) A process according to claim 28, wherein said fire-retardant compound is antimony oxide.